

Books for Discussion @ Your Library

The library's adult book discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. We have chosen the books for discussion for the next several months.

June 17 *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

July 15 *Keeping the World Away* by Margaret Forster
(we will meet at Riverviews Artspace as part of the adult summer reading program)

August 19 *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak

September 16 *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell

October 21 *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West* by Stephen Ambrose

November 18 *The Quiet American* by Graham Greene

December 16 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

All are welcome to join us. No registration is required – just read the book and show up. Bring a lunch if you wish. Beverage and dessert are served when we meet at the library.



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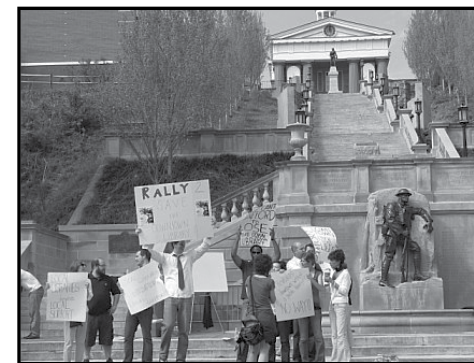
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Branch Library Saved!



Kudos to the many Friends and library supporters who rallied to preserve the downtown library during City Council's deliberations on the city budget! As delineated in the Friends bylaws, the Friends are charged "to enlist public, business, and governmental interest in and support of the library." We successfully achieved this objective through the strong chorus of voices eloquently raised on behalf of the downtown library.

A special "thank you" is due to Ryan Neace and his fellow members of Lynchburg DNA (Downtown Neighborhood Advocates), who coordinated the rally at the foot of Monument Terrace on April 25.

In restoring the \$100,000 to the library, City Council responded to citizen input. Thank you, members of Council, for listening.

Mayor's Reading Initiatives Reap Benefits: Books and an Award

This spring, Mayor Joan Foster challenged the community to help her get books into the hands of children who might not otherwise ever own a book. The community responded by donating over 1,500 brand new books to the Mayor's Amazing Book Race. The Mayor is now ready to go out into the community with her Mayor's Reading Club and distribute some of these 1,500 books. Traveling with the Mayor are library staff and volunteers who will share additional stories, finger plays, music, crafts, cookies and lemonade. The schedule is:

When: Saturday, May 23, and June 27

Where: James River Crossing Apartments at 11:00 a.m.
College Hill Apartments at 1:00 p.m.
Dearington Apartments at 3:00 p.m.

The Virginia Public Library Directors Association has just recognized the Mayor's Reading Club as the Outstanding Children's Program, in libraries serving a population of 50,000 - 99,999, for 2008. The award recognizes the partnership among the Mayor, the library Friends and library to provide outreach literacy programs that will improve the chances of some of Lynchburg's most underprivileged children to be successful in life.



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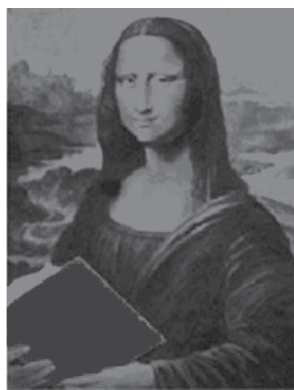
Adult Summer Reading Program

Attention all grown-ups! Don't let your kids have all the fun this summer! There's a summer reading program at the library for you!

This year's program will coordinate with some of our local arts organizations. Participants may read any book they choose, but the program will focus on art-themed books, both fiction and non-fiction.

The program will run from June 15 through August 12. Please stop by either library on or after June 15 to sign up. Participants will receive a list of suggested activities, a reading log, and a list of art-themed books. Special programs are:

- Read *Keeping the World Away* by Margaret Forster and attend the book discussion at Riverviews Artspace, 901 Jefferson Street at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15.
- Art Demonstrations, a joint project of Library and Lynchburg Parks and Recreation, at the public library at 1:00 on Wednesday, August 12.



From the President

As we usher in a new fiscal year, I would like to express my appreciation to retiring Friends Board and Endowment Trustee members for their faithful service. Thanks to Helen Lundeen, Harry Hammitt, Fazila DiGiulio, Lucy Harris, and Robin Wood for their invaluable time, talent, and generous support. I heartily welcome new Friends Board members Liz Wade, Sandra Brooks, and Kimberly Sheppard and new Endowment Trustees Fazila DiGiulio and Harry Hammitt. We look forward to an exciting year at the Lynchburg Public Library!

Margie Lippard
President



Be Creative with Autumn Morning Star

Native American Autumn Morning Star will launch the 2009 *Be Creative* Children's Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 20th at 10:30 a.m. Her interactive show, created for family audiences, includes traditional Choctaw and Blackfoot stories, singing, drumming, Native flute playing and Native American

sign language entwined with magic. The program is accented with audience participation and is recommended for ages 3 and up.

A Summer Reading Program schedule is available in both libraries or on the library's website at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary.

Outreach to Senior Citizens

Once a reader, always a reader

The love of reading is a habit you should never be forced to give up just because your mobility has been compromised. To meet the needs of older citizens who can no longer come to the library, the library goes to them. Volunteer Coordinator Melody Carlton travels to 20 locations around the city where seniors gather. She delivers large print books, audiocassettes, and videos to sites including two city recreation centers providing programs for senior citizens, several nursing homes, including The Carrington and Guggenheimer, assisted living facilities like The Oaks and Williams Home, and retirement communities such as Westminster-Canterbury, the Summit, and Valley View.



Outreach sites receive a delivery of books, audiocassettes, and videos every other month. The number of items delivered depends upon the number of users at each site. Residents or users at each site are asked to sign out books and return them to the site in a timely manner.

The library's goal is to provide materials to citizens who are no longer able to come to the library. We estimate that we are reaching an additional 500 library users through the Outreach Program.

Activity Directors or Recreation leaders at each individual site can call the Outreach Coordinator and request materials for use in programs or request particular books or videos for residents. With special requests, delivery is made on the next scheduled visit.

A Spring Hot with Friends' Fundraisers!



April Saturday, Friends Board members donned hats and huddled under umbrellas to host the spring Kodiak shredding fundraising event. Thanks to all the Friends Board members who contributed to these successful fundraisers!

MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS

Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch

Mon. - Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

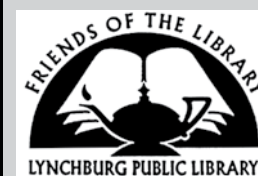
DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

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Friday and Saturday
July 3 and 4
Independence Day
Monday, Sept. 7
Labor Day

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Upcoming Friends of the
Library Board Meetings

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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| Tuesday, June 9 | 4:00 p.m. | Library Community Room |
| Tuesday, September 8 | 4:00 p.m. | Library Community Room |

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